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Title: SECONDARY VERTICAL LATCHING
LEVER AND SECONDARY HORIZONTAL
LATCHING LEVER HOLSTERS

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2006, applicant here amends independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 to overcome the rejections of these claims for anticipation or obviousness based on Corrison U.S. Patent 1,635,984. In the Corrison patent, the holster wearer/user's lever-engaging finger passes upward through/over the trigger guard and over or into engagement with the trigger of the handgun seated in the holster. In Corrison, which discloses a holster for a double-action handgun, engagement with the trigger during withdrawal of the gun is likely harmless because the gun must first be cocked before firing. However, with a single-action handgun, even accidental engagement with the trigger can cause unwanted firing. As here amended, all claims call for structure that precludes such unwanted trigger engagement. In Corrison, engagement of the finger-engaging end of the lever to release the gun from the holster, followed by normal withdrawal of the gun from the holster, takes the user's finger in a path that passes over or through the trigger guard, and therefore into engagement with the trigger. As here claimed, in normal use, applicants' claimed holsters preclude such a mishap.

Applicant have also here amended claim 7 to overcome the section 112(2) rejections of this claim.

The PTO appears to have obviated the objection to the prior art disclosure by citing the patents identified in the specification of this application, all except for U.S. Patent 5,129,562, a copy of which is enclosed with this amendment, along with form 1449 identifying this patent.

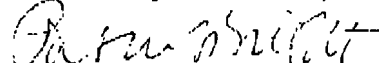
Applicant's counsel would welcome a phone call at any time to discuss any matter.

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